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Classified By: Classified by Gabriel Escobar, Acting Political Minister Counselor, for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

¶1. (C) Poloff delivered reftel points to Raimondo De Cardona, Head of the MFA Balkans Office, on September 10. De Cardona agreed with the USG assessment that the international community needed to reassert its authority in Bosnia in order to maintain stability and move forward on Dayton implementation. De Cardona noted that Italy strongly supports Lajcak and would support him regardless of how he chooses to interpret his role. De Cardona hinted that Italy would be supportive of possible punitive measures against Silajdzic and Dodik if they continue to block key initiatives.

¶2. (C) De Cardona did not comment on the suspension of the proposed EU visa facilitation program saying he had not seen the specifics of the program or its timing to comment fully, but promised to consider the USG proposal seriously.

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